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Board of Trustees Meeting October 14, 2003

Chair Kim Bonham called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. at Bradford on the Lake. As a flag was not available, the pledge of allegiance was waived. Chair Bonham noted that Brett Stump was absent, but would arrive later and all other Trustees are present.

Approval of Minutes

Jim Daily moved to accept the minutes of the regular Trustees meeting September 9, 2003 as written. Motion carried. Daily moved to accept the minutes of special meeting of the Trustees September 22, 2003 as written. Motion carried with James Smith abstaining as he was absent from

that meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer JC Zalog reviewed the financial report. Report was filed for audit.

Old Business

Special Meeting Report

Chair Kim Bonham noted that a special meeting was held on September 22nd to approve the purchase of a GMC one ton truck with snow plow at a cost of \$35,464.24.

Operation Wipe Out

Chair Bonham requested approval for the project not to exceed \$4,000.00. Smith moved that Operation Wipe Out start October 1, 2003

and end on October 31st and this project to be held every year at an expense not to exceed \$4,000.00. Zalog seconded the motion. Discussion was held as to the length of the operation and location of the dumpsters.

Zalog amended the motion that we continue Operation Wipe Out through the end of October as publicized and in the future, the project cover a ten day period which will cover two weekends. Motion carried as amended.

New Business

Finance Committee

Chair Bonham requested

approval to appoint a Finance Committee to include consultants. It was noted that Zalog has been doing a good job on the financials. Zalog asked that this item be tabled until the Trustees can think about this further and gather their thoughts about the Finance Committee.

Enchanted Forest Allocation

Chair Bonham noted that the Enchanted Forest receives a \$15,000 allocation each year, which is in the budget, from the Village of Indian Point. Zalog moved to extend the Commercial Lease and the Installation agreement between the Village of Indian Point and the Village

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Enchanted Forest Kick-Off

The *Enchanted Forest*, Indian Point's annual holiday drive-through lighting display will open November 8. Festivities begin at 6 PM as with a gathering at Hunter's Friend Resort (formerly Coleman's). Local headliner, Delene, will provide entertainment. The lights will once again be in the Corps of Engineers campground along the west side of Indian Point Road. When the lights are turned on, our Police Chief, Forrest Thompson will lead us on a drive through. The lights will continue from dusk to midnight through early

January.

Following the lighting ceremony all are invited to a social gathering at the Village Resort clubhouse, for complimentary dinner and more entertainment by Delene and others.

For the first time this year, valuable door prizes will be given away to those attending the dinner. Donors include Delene, Jim Stafford, the Duttons, the Brett Family, the Lennon Brothers, Bob Anderson, Silver Dollar City, Indian Point Boat Dock, Tall Timber Dinner

By Kent Turner

Show, Altenhof Inn, Killarney's, Cottage Resort, White Wing Resort, Artilla Cove Resort, and The Village Resort. More prizes are expected.

We need a large turnout for this event. Several county and state dignitaries plus the media are expected to attend. This is our chance to show off our Village in its best "light" and remind government leaders of the important role our Village plays in the local economy.

Volunteers are still needed

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Star Search

Do you play a piano or other instrument, sing, dance, do magic or juggle? Would you like the opportunity of performing in front of a live audience? Do you play or sing at church and want to expand your experiences? Volunteers are needed to provide entertainment for local activities. When the community building is finished, these opportunities will expand. If we find a piano player before the Nov. 8 party, we might have a Christmas carol sing-along. An Indian Point band and choir is not out of the question, but we need to identify who sings or plays (or used to play) an instrument. Please call the village office if you have a talent and might be willing to help out.

News Briefs...

Pot-Luck Dinner a Success

Toy construction materials and tools lined the tables — a symbolic representation for our residents to build their new community center.

Nearly 50 residents attended the community pot-luck dinner at the Village Resort on October 6. Attendees got to meet all five Trustees and Kathy Isaaks, our first full-time Village Superintendent.

During the dinner, everyone was asked to write a list of the functions, services and activities they'd like to see in the new community building. These lists were then combined into a master list. Many new ideas were suggested. This will be given to a subcommittee that will try to incorporate everything into the building plans.

The food and fellowship were great; more than a few commented on the wide assortment of tasty entrées and sweet desserts. We all had an opportunity to "build" our building together.

If you were unable to attend and have ideas for the building, call Kathy at the Village office.

Our Past Events by Arno Wehr

In recent months our two public marinas did a nice job to rekindle public participation in an underwater clean up for the area. It is a reminder of what good leadership can do for a community and its' economy.

Indian Point has in the past held many surprisingly large and diversified events. One New Year's Eve divers "dove out the old and helped dive in the new" in a torch light midnight event at our public ramp. Well over 100 people participated in the New Year's event. This type of media exposure helped us become recognized. Virgil Ward's Championship Fishing U.S. Tournament, held three times here, placed Indian Point on 125 syndicated TV networks. Indian Point hosted numerous bass tourneys including the 400 boat Oly (Olympia Beer) tourney. Roland Martin, Virgil Ward, Jimmie Houston all had TV shows taped on Indian Point. John (the diver) Hohnacki would graciously fly the cameramen around the peninsula for great outdoor shots.

Rock Lane Lodge had a "wall of fame" in its' original foyer that posted scores of photos of regional and national celebrities that vacationed at their resort. Lee Greenwood and Pat Boone taped a Christmas Show on Prince's Mountain

that is still seen seasonally on TV. John Davidson, Yakov Smirnoff, Jim Stafford lived here and Roy Clark, Shoji Tabuchi, MME Tillis and others have done TV spots on ESPN, NBC, and other networks while standing at our local Indian Point viewing areas.

We held the first area square dance event, we hosted the original European festival and our Cider Days brought large numbers of craft buyers not to mention old car buffs. Yet perhaps the largest event we still have was started by just a few residents and our Village Trustees. This was the Enchanted Forest during the Ozark Mountain Christmas season. That first year an astounding 33,000 people drove through. One bell weather year over 80,000 people visited the seasonal display. In co-operation with the U S Corp of Engineers, the Village volunteers tweek annual improvements into this effort every time. However the "Goblin Tree" will always remain a favorite for our local families.

Our past, as our future events, will always be sparked by a few enthusiastic local people. Then it's up to the rest of us to pitch in and be part of our peninsula progress.

2003 Labor Study for Indian Point

Each year the population and available work force living on Indian Point is reviewed by the Indian Point Chamber of Commerce. This year 34 businesses participated. These are the conclusions.

- Indian Point total workforces is 273.
- 33% of the local workforce lives on Indian Point.

- The local workforce living on Indian Point is declining 10% or more per year.
- Available jobs on Indian Point has remained the same for the past two years.

The study also asked if the Village newsletter could be a source of advertising and what type of advertising business would do.

- 41% would pay for employment want ads
- 79% would pay for ads to sell goods
- 38% would pay to advertise their business
- 52% of businesses would advertise in the newsletter.

We thank our businesses for this report.

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of Indian Point Chamber. Motion carried. Kent Turner noted that the Lighting Ceremony will be held on November 8th.

Brett Stump arrived at the meeting.

Property Annexation

Discussion was held regarding possible annexation of property for the Village of Indian Point that would possibly enable the Village to get the signage necessary for the Village. Greg Maycock will look into the possibility of the signage and if the annexation of this property would be beneficial.

Escapes Water Tower

Chair Bonham stated that Treehouse Condominium Association has sent a letter expressing their displeasure of the Escapes Water Tower at Rock Lane Resort and noted their suggestion was to portray it as a lighthouse. This will be turned over to Village Attorney, Tom Motley for his review.

Resolution – Solid Waste Appointment

Chair Bonham read resolution number 03-1 appointing Betty Fier as representative to the Southwest Missouri Solid Waste Management District Council. Jim Daily moved to approve Resolution 03-1. Motion carried.

Committee Reports Police & Safety

Zalog reviewed the attached minutes from the Police & Safety meeting held on October 13, 2003. Chief Thompson reviewed the Reserve program for the Trustees. Brett Stump, chair of Police and Safety, stated another resident is needed to be on the committee. Paul Hough volunteered to be on the committee. Zalog moved to have Paul Hough join the Police and Safety committee. Motion carried.

Planning & Zoning

Maycock reported that presentations were reviews of revised concepts for The Timbers, Auto World and Wigwam. Stillwaters presented items for rezoning. Planning and Zoning approved a policy that all information has to be presented to the Village office seven days in advance to the Planning and Zoning meeting.

Wastewater

Maycock reported that the facility plan for the Jake's Creek Trail area is ongoing with Heithaus. A survey has been sent to all businesses on Jake's Creek Trail to start evaluating costs for the project.

Maycock also noted that an answer was received from the Corp of Engineers regarding request for property to be used for the treatment plant for Jake's Creek Trail declining the request and their response was based on inaccurate or misunderstanding of our plans. Therefore, a follow up letter will be sent correcting the information that the Corp of Engineers included in their response. Maycock also reported that work is continuing on the ordinances for the management of the wastewater facilities and reviewed dates. Maycock presented a revision to the contract with Stone Environmental regarding date changes.

Roads

Daily reported that school bus stop ahead signs were posted on Jake's Creek Trail. He also reported that the truck that was purchased will be used for several projects beside snow plowing and job applications have been received for the snow plow position. Discussion was held regarding the possibility of plowing private drives with the plow. Discussion was held regarding cost savings to hire a driver, which will amount to approximately \$3600 savings per year.

CAAD

Kent Turner presented a report and asked for various proposals for the new community building. Daily moved that the Trustees agree to lease an office space of up to 400 square feet to the Village of Indian Point Chamber for \$1 per year. Motion carried. Daily moved that the Trustees allow the Village of Indian Point Chamber to sublease a minimal portion of its' space to the Ozark Mountain Nature Trails Association. Motion carried. Daily moved to ask our Village Attorney to work with Turner in drafting easements for private property for the linear parkways. Zalog amended the motion with a cap of \$1,000. Motion carried.

Approval of Accounts Payable

Zalog moved to approve the accounts payable. Motion carried.

Comments from the Trustees

Daily asked everyone to call Senator Kit Bond and Senator Jim Talent as soon as possible to urge opposition to bill S.150 and emphasize the financial impact this will have on our Village.

Comments from the Floor

Turner explained the proposed Tourism Tax.

Jeff Hodges and party brought forth issues regarding permits for demolition of buildings on WigWam. Maycock explained necessary procedures.

Chair Bonham called for an executive session to review a real estate proposal. Chair Kim Bonham called the meeting to order after the executive session. Daily moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

The preceding is a summary of the October 14, 2003 Trustee meeting and is not the approved meeting minutes.

Trustees meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the community room at the Treehouse Condominiums. All residents are encouraged to attend.

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to assemble and put up the lights daily from 9AM to dark between November first and the eighth. Much of this is small hand work that can be done by anybody. Call Judy at 338-2772 for more information.

The Enchanted Forest is Indian Point's annual gift to area residents and visitors. It is also our largest promotional event of the year, as it attracts many people to see our village for the first time. This is a very large event for a community of our size, and would not be possible without the hundreds of hours of volunteer time donated by our residents. The Village contributed \$15,000 this year to help pay the out-of-pocket expenses and our local residents and businesses paid the rest. The Indian Point chamber of commerce coordinates the event for the Village each year.

This years Enchanted Forest will have over 400,000 lights, including several new displays. Since the terrorist attacks, the featured display has been the patriotic "Freedom Tree" with its 60,000 red, white and blue lights. Pictures of this tree are featured on the Village and chamber web sites, and compliments and well wishes have been received from throughout the nation. Last year, approximately 80,000 people drove through the forest during the 7-week event. Unlike all other drive through-displays in this area, there is no charge for the Enchanted Forest, however donations will be accepted by volunteers who will be on hand to extend season's greetings and pass out promotional material.

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Women's Club Celebrates 30 Years of Service

A group of local ladies founded the Indian Point Women's Club in 1973. Their goal was to meet the social and philanthropic needs of the community and to provide a way to become better acquainted. Through the years, the group has grown from just a few ladies to a current membership of over forty. In the past, the club has earned monies toward a new hospital bed for Skaggs Hospital and also helped many needy families. Each year, the group sponsors three charities. The current recipients are LUC Boy's Ranch, Teen Challenge and Harbor Lights, a branch of Christian Associates that helps battered and abused women. The club sells Lucinda

Women's pins as an ongoing fund raiser. These pins are available from any member or can be seen at the Branson Belle Boutique located in the Marketplace next to the Welk Resort, and here on Indian Point at the Treehouse Condos office and Artilla Cove Resort. Indian Point is fortunate to have such a fine service organization and the ladies deserve our continuing support.

This organization is open to all women living on Indian Point. The next luncheon meeting will be November 3rd. For more information on the club or the luncheon, call Betty Fier, President, at 417-263-0436, or Vice President Ginny

Happy Thanksgiving

